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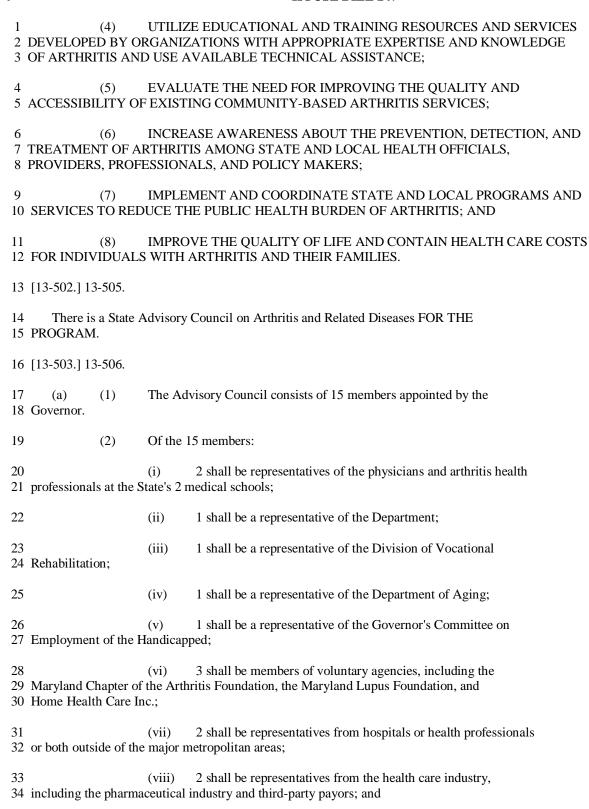
1 AN ACT concerning

2 Arthritis Prevention and Control Act

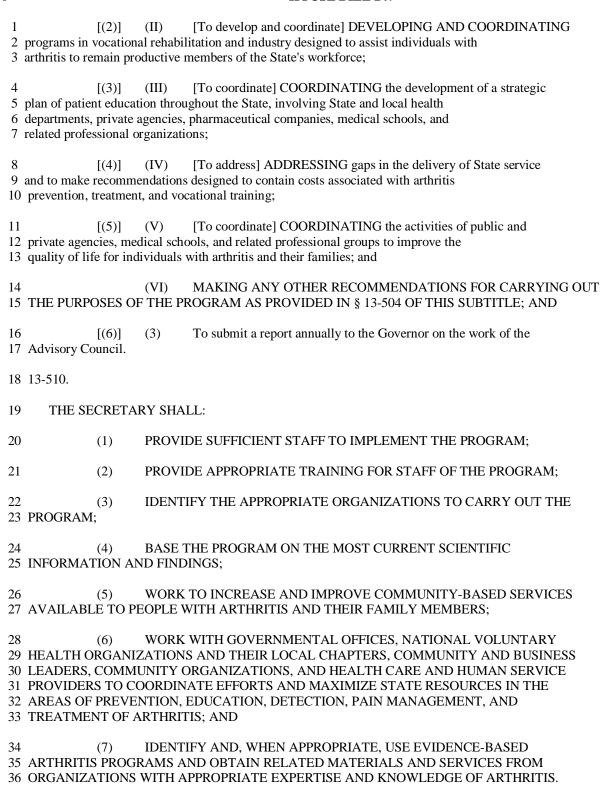
- 3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Arthritis Prevention and Control Program in the
- 4 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; defining certain terms; providing
- 5 for certain findings of the General Assembly related to arthritis; providing for
- 6 the purposes of the Program; altering the powers and duties of the State
- Advisory Council on Arthritis and Related Diseases; providing for the duties of
- 8 the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene in administering the Program;
- 9 providing for the funding of the Program; and generally relating to the Arthritis
- 10 Prevention and Control Program.
- 11 BY adding to
- 12 Article Health General
- 13 Section 13-501, 13-503, 13-504, 13-510, 13-511, and 13-512
- 14 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 15 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)
- 16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 17 Article Health General
- 18 Section 13-501, 13-502, 13-503, 13-504, 13-505, and 13-506 to be under the
- 19 amended subtitle "Subtitle 5. Arthritis Prevention and Control Act"
- 20 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 21 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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1 2	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
3	Article - Health - General
4 5	Subtitle 5. [Advisory Counsel on] Arthritis [and Related Diseases] PREVENTION AND CONTROL ACT.
6	13-501.
9	THE ARTHRITIS PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAM IS A PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS, EDUCATING CONSUMERS, AND EDUCATING AND TRAINING HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, TEACHERS, AND PROVIDERS ABOUT ARTHRITIS.
11	[13-501.] 13-502.
12 13	(A) In this subtitle[,] THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.
14 15	(B) "Advisory Council" means the State Advisory Council on Arthritis and Related Diseases.
16 17	(C) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE ARTHRITIS PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAM.
18	13-503.
19	THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT:
	(1) ARTHRITIS ENCOMPASSES MORE THAN 100 DISEASES AND CONDITIONS THAT AFFECT JOINTS, THE SURROUNDING TISSUES, AND OTHER CONNECTIVE TISSUES;
	(2) AS ONE OF THE MOST COMMON FAMILY OF DISEASES IN THE UNITED STATES, ARTHRITIS AFFECTS NEARLY ONE OF EVERY SIX AMERICANS AND WILL IMPACT AN ESTIMATED 60,000,000 PEOPLE BY THE YEAR 2020;
26 27	(3) ARTHRITIS IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF DISABILITY IN THE UNITED STATES, LIMITING DAILY ACTIVITIES FOR MORE THAN 7,000,000 PEOPLE;
30	(4) ALTHOUGH PREVAILING MYTHS INACCURATELY PORTRAY ARTHRITIS AS AN OLD PERSON'S DISEASE, ARTHRITIS IS A MULTIGENERATIONAL DISEASE THAT HAS BECOME ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S MOST PRESSING HEALTH PROBLEMS;
	(5) ARTHRITIS HAS A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCING THE PAINFUL SYMPTOMS AND FOR THE FAMILY MEMBERS AND CAREGIVERS PROVIDING FOR THAT INDIVIDUAL;

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH TREATING (6) 2 ARTHRITIS AND THE COMPLICATIONS OF ARTHRITIS ARE ESTIMATED AT ALMOST 3 \$80,000,000,000 ANNUALLY; CURRENTLY, THE CHALLENGE EXISTS TO ENSURE DELIVERY OF 5 EFFECTIVE, BUT OFTEN UNDERUTILIZED, INTERVENTIONS THAT ARE NECESSARY IN 6 THE PREVENTION OR REDUCTION OF ARTHRITIS-RELATED PAIN AND DISABILITY; THE LARGE QUANTITY OF PUBLIC INFORMATION AND PROGRAMS 8 ABOUT ARTHRITIS REMAIN INADEOUATELY DISSEMINATED AND ARE INSUFFICIENT 9 IN ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF SPECIFIC DIVERSE POPULATIONS AND OTHER 10 UNDERSERVED GROUPS; 11 THE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION, THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL 12 AND PREVENTION, AND THE ASSOCIATION OF STATE AND TERRITORIAL HEALTH 13 OFFICIALS HAVE LED THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PUBLIC HEALTH STRATEGY, THE 14 NATIONAL ARTHRITIS ACTION PLAN, TO ENSURE THE DELIVERY OF EFFECTIVE, BUT 15 OFTEN UNDERUTILIZED INTERVENTIONS THAT ARE NECESSARY IN THE 16 PREVENTION OR REDUCTION OF ARTHRITIS-RELATED PAIN AND DISABILITY: AND EDUCATING THE PUBLIC AND HEALTH CARE COMMUNITY 17 (10)18 THROUGHOUT THE STATE ABOUT ARTHRITIS IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE AND IS 19 IN EVERY RESPECT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND TO THE BENEFIT OF ALL 20 RESIDENTS OF THE STATE. 21 13-504. 22 THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE ARE TO: CREATE AND FOSTER A STATEWIDE PROGRAM THAT PROMOTES 23 (1)24 PUBLIC AWARENESS AND INCREASES KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE CAUSES OF 25 ARTHRITIS, THE IMPORTANCE OF EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND APPROPRIATE 26 MANAGEMENT, EFFECTIVE PREVENTION STRATEGIES, AND PAIN PREVENTION AND 27 MANAGEMENT; ENHANCE UNDERSTANDING OF ARTHRITIS BY DISSEMINATING TO 28 (2) 29 PATIENTS, HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, AND THE PUBLIC: 30 (I) EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS; 31 (II)INFORMATION ON RESEARCH RESULTS; 32 (III)INFORMATION ON SERVICES PROVIDED; AND 33 (IV) STRATEGIES FOR PREVENTION AND CONTROL; ESTABLISH A SOLID SCIENTIFIC BASE OF KNOWLEDGE ON THE 34 (3) 35 PREVENTION OF ARTHRITIS AND RELATED DISABILITY THROUGH SURVEILLANCE, 36 EPIDEMIOLOGY, AND PREVENTION RESEARCH;



1 2	patients.		ix) 2 shall be arthritic patients or family members of arthritic	
3	(b)	(1)	The term of a member is 4 years.	
4 5	provided for	(2) members	The terms of members are staggered as required by the terms of the Advisory Council on July 1, 1989.	
6 7	appointed an	(3) d qualifie	At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is .	
8 9	the rest of the	(4) e term an	A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for until a successor is appointed and qualifies.	
10	(c)	The Gov	rnor may remove a member for incompetence or misconduct.	
11	[13-504.] 13	3-507.		
12 13	From among the members of the State Advisory Council, the Governor shall appoint a chairman for a 2-year term.			
14	[13-505.] 13-508.			
15 16	(a) quorum.	A major	y of the members then serving on the Advisory Council is a	
17	(b)	The Adv	sory Council shall determine the times and places of its meetings.	
18	(c)	A memb	r of the Advisory Council:	
19		(1)	May not receive compensation; but	
20 21	Travel Regu	(2) lations, a	s entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State provided in the State budget.	
22 23	(d) The Secretary shall designate the staff necessary to carry out this subtitle. [13-506.] 13-509.			
24 25	In addition to the powers and duties set forth elsewhere in this subtitle, the Advisory Council has the following powers and duties:			
26 27	PROGRAM	(1)	TO ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE	
28 29	DEVELOP	(2) MENT O	TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE DEPARTMENT IN THE THE PROGRAM BY:	
	an integrated geriatrics;	[(1)] d State pr	I) [To study and to make recommendations for] RECOMMENDING gram of education and applied research in gerontology and	



- 1 13-511.
- 2 THE OPERATION, MANAGEMENT, AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM
- 3 SHALL BE FUNDED AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE STATE BUDGET.
- 4 13-512.
- 5 THIS SUBTITLE MAY BE CITED AS THE "MARYLAND ARTHRITIS PREVENTION
- 6 AND CONTROL ACT".
- 7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 8 October 1, 2002.